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SQUARE.

DELICATE GROUND.

Sorosis is nothing if not venturesome.

Subjects which a philosopher would ap-

proach with his head gripped between his

hands and a sense that he is tussling with

a Hercules of a difficulty, Sorosis lights

upon with the airy confidence of the bee

who probes the crimson heart of the

garden's queen rose. This is inescapable

or—sublime.

Probably it is sublime, because men think

it is the other thing, and men are always

making mistakes in estimating women.

But the last theme with which Sorosis has

coquetted is one that must have put even

this blithe Amazonian cohort on its mettle.

It was that scrawny old sex which

makes Sorosis its butt, Old Age.

It is not surprising that the discussion

should have been conducted on the line

that the horrors of the manifold year may

be largely avoided. There was hardly a

word on the beauty of old age, its serene

acceptance of the desert of life, and the

blatant shedding upon its juniors of the

benignity of years tempered by experience.

No: this sort of thing is a glowworm in

the dark, and Sorosis would fain glitter

with the focused splendor of the meridian

Phœbus.

Still, Sorosis is right. Old age is a penalty

and a deformity of itself, and woman is

wise in keeping it at arm's length so long as

the strength of her arm will permit. The

best antidote was suggested by that beau-

tiful realization of her own theory, Mrs.

TERRELL, "Marion Harland," and with

our homage to the serene gray-haired lady

we give this morsel of her condensed wis-

dom:

"From first to last the thing to be feared is

not. Avoid the calamities that threaten by keep-

ing bright and busy. Forget yourself in the

work of others and time will forget you."

IT MUST BE HAD.

New York City has got to have Rapid

Transit. There is no question here of a

comfort, of an advantage, of an accommo-

modation. That Rapid Transit would be each

and every one of these in this city is some-

thing which no one can gainsay. But it is

more than any of them. It is a necessity

of our municipal being, and a necessity

which becomes more urgent every day, and

must be met.

An act to provide for Rapid Transit in

cities of over one million inhabitants will

be introduced in the Senate just as it starts

in upon its legislative duties. This is a step

in the right direction. The law shows care-

ful study, and is adequate and provident in

its circumscription. In the person of Senator

Ives it has a clear-headed, unimpaired, quick

and powerful in argument or rejoinder, and in-

capable of wearing in his endeavor.

This is encouraging. Every effort should

be made to make Rapid Transit an accom-

plished fact in New York City. It is the

people's interest, and they should make

their will felt. It is not a scheme to profit

a few, nor to reduce to the moneyed gain

of portentous millionaires. It is something

which will benefit the great bulk of the

people, and it must come. We have reached

a point where we cannot do without it.

LET US HAVE THE RIGHT VIEW.

Gen. Miles says the Indian revolt is due

to our having starved them. He has ming-

led with the Indians and has seen the

manipulations of the Indian agents on the

scene of their action. Gen. Miles knows.

Secretary Noble says they were not

starved. The people that starved them told

him, whose occupation it is to pluck the red-

skin, has begotten in him a childlike con-

vicition that the Indians are beautifully

treated.

In this collision of views it would be com-

mon to find out something about the

matter. If the Indians have been wrongly

treated the Department of the Interior is to

blame and Congress should castigate it.

The country at large is interested. Gen.

Miles is right. Reparation should be made

to the maltreated Indians, no matter how

disagreeable they are.

A lad, seventeen years of age, drank so

much whiskey at one full draught that he

died from the effect. What a mournful

example! By judicious assimilation of the

juice he might have progressed through

years of increasing mellowness till, with

the westerling sun of life was setting his

titubating shadow to the rear, he could

have fittingly expired in delirium tremens

or drifted to extinction in an inebriate

asylum. Alas! so young, and to have

foreclosed all this by one intemperate

guzzle!

"Breath of faith!" is the cry of the other

Republican Senators against the eight who

helped over the Force Bill to one side yes-

terday. Rather, those eight helped sustain

the faith of the people that there are yet

those in power who listen to the popular

voice and who place a patriotic attention

to public business above party pettifoggery.

by the bill which was passed through the

active sponsorship of THE EVENING WORLD.

will begin on the 10th of the current month,

and between that date and the 10th of

March, seventeen will be delivered. The

attendance this year is sevenfold as great

as that of last. No greater corroboration

of the recreation and profit they afford to

the people could be desired.

When the tariff raised champagne seven

cents on the quart and the hotel men

calmly charged on forty-seven cents more

by tacking \$4 a bottle, the champagne-

drinking public kicked and took to Bor-

deaux. To show the virtue of this kick, the

hotel men have backed down from their \$1

per quart agreement. Ha, ha! Long live

the merry kicker!

The new Board of Aldermen have met,

and President ANGLIN, apparently without

sense of sarcasm, warned them to be care-

ful in granting franchises. We wish the

new Board all success.

SPOTLETS.

It is easier for a prisoner to file objections than

prison bars.

As the age of woman becomes less interesting it

becomes more interesting.

Kalauka is going to Honolulu. He has been

away on a lull of a time for some weeks.

Somehow papa tells his fairy tale to mamma

instead of to the little ones. And mamma is generally

not enough of a little one to swallow them all.

The glazier's cry is one of pain.

The driver's cry is one of pain.

But the glazier's cry is one of pain.

They cry out loud and ho!

Mr. Peter Gilman had better consult the market-

price of apples now. He has a good supply.

"One swallow does not make the spring," but

two or three of them may make a bad fall.

Buttery Park is too "L."-egant now and should

not be made more so.

"Cicero" never had so many "Ganes" at

once as he did the other night.

WORLDLINGS.

Statistics show that one-fifth of the native

women of Massachusetts are obdurate. It is

said that in no country are Frenchmen as similar

to one another as the French.

Major Ford expects to make from \$75,000 to

\$100,000 out of Stanley's lecture tour. The au-

thor is paid \$50,000 for fifty lectures and the trav-

eling expenses in addition.

A traveler in the Orient says that the bales of

the East are usually old women at their best.

They are, as a rule, at thirteen. The girl whose

marriage is more numerous, granting that her dowry

includes, in the gift of fat, "dumpy" figures.

After her, however, comes the fat lady.

Kidger Kallus is said to aspire to eminence in a

solid field of literature than poetic notes constitute.

He has, therefore, determined to devote him-

self to the writing of songs and ditties.

It is said to be the fond hope of the Hawaiian

that he is really old and that he is really old.

The United States is a very important, net-

working the social qualities.

VAGRANT VERSES.

A Fair Bibliomaniac.

"Here in this dimly lighted room,

"(This space a windowless gloom,

"The happy hours I pass

"In great joy and gladness and day

"With these old books—my friends!

"And these old volumes I read.

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THE WAYS OF WOMAN FAIR.

Fads, Fashions and Fancies That Delight the Gentler Sex.

A Father Who Believes in Fruit—Empress of Germany as a Military Official—The Fashionable Woman—Sewing that Rips—Color in Hosiery.

There is a good if not royal idea practiced by

a sensible father: "I allow my daughters to

work for fruit, but not a dime for candy or

sweetmeats. I insist on having reasonable fruits

on my table, and personally make the first and

last course an orange or an apple. If I see juic-

ies and more ripe, sweet fruits were consumed

by my American family there would be better

health and smaller medicine bills. I don't

object to doctor's bills, but I hate to

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